



# ATTUCKS MIDDLE SCHOOL

Cambridge Global Communications Academy

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## 2021/2022 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Elective Courses Description

The academic courses offered to 8th grade students for the 2021-2022 school year include Language Arts, Mathematics, Physical Science and U.S. History. Students will be placed in each academic course based on an analysis of their achievement data and teacher recommendations.

Accelerated Math and Science classes such as Algebra I, Geometry and Biology, will be assigned to students who are highly academically accelerated.

### **Communications & Humanities Electives**

**Debate I (HS)** - project and life skills course to develop public speaking skills in the areas of original oratory, dramatic or humorous interpretations, and impromptu speaking. Students will also complete 2 district based speech and debate tournaments that directly contribute to their midterm and final grades. *Recommended for students with an FSA Reading level of 3 or above.*

**Speech I (HS)** - project and life skills course to develop public speaking skills in the areas of original oratory, dramatic or humorous interpretations, and impromptu speaking. Students will also complete 2 district based speech and debate tournaments that directly contribute to their midterm and final grades. *Recommended for students with an FSA Reading level of 3 or above.*

**Spanish II (HS)** - project based course that allows students to complete year 2 of the 2 year high school foreign language requirement while learning the Spanish language and about Latino culture. *Prerequisite is Spanish 1 (HS).*

**Spanish I (HS)** - project based course that allows students to complete year 1 of the 2-year high school foreign language requirement while learning the Spanish language and about Latino culture. *Recommended for students with an FSA Reading level of 3 or above.*

**Law Studies/Legal Systems (HS)** - The primary content for Law Studies pertains to the study of the American legal system as the foundation of American society by examining those laws which have an impact on citizens' lives and an introduction to fundamental civil and criminal justice procedures. The primary content for Legal Systems pertains to the examination of the American legal system and the nature of specific rights granted under the United States Constitution. *Recommended for students with an FSA Reading level of 2 or above.*



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**Beginning Band (Band I)** - skill based course where the fundamentals of reading music and playing instruments will be explored.

**Intermediate Band (Band II)** - skills based course that builds on skills learned in Band I. Music theory and application through instrumental play will be further developed.

**Band III** - skills based course that builds on skills learned in Band II. Music theory and application through instrumental play will be further developed.

**Band IV** - skills based course that builds on skills learned in Band III. Music theory and application through instrumental play will be further developed.

## **Health, Social & Emotional Learning Electives**

**Physical Education (P.E.)** - life skills course that focuses on healthy living in the forms of nutrition, exercise, and team play. *\*State Legislation requires at least 1 semester of physical education each year in middle school.* Condition is waived if the student is in a remedial course, participates in a physical activity outside of school equal or in excess of requirement, if the parent completes the waiver below indicating that an optional elective was selected in its stead.

**Leadership 1 (HS)** - project and life skills based course that helps students develop strategies and techniques of good leadership and work with teachers to support a positive school environment.

**Latinos in Action (HS)** - project and life skills based course that allows [\*students of Latino heritage\*](#) to give back to the community by engaging with elementary school students and completing service projects.

**Peer Counseling II** - project and life skills based course where students further explore valuable interpersonal skills such as conflict mediation, stress coping and leadership.

## **Communications & Technology Electives**

**Exploration of Career & Technical Occupations** - project and skill based course where the fundamentals of Microsoft Office Applications and HTML are discussed. Deep dive into Word and the HTML coding language for web design. [\*Recommended for students with an FSA Reading level of 3 or above.\*](#)

**Digital Information Technology (HS)** - project and skills based course involving extensive use of Microsoft Office applications, specifically Word and Excel. Students engage with



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entrepreneurial concepts that build on leadership, collaboration and communication. **Prerequisite is Computer Applications 2.**

**Exploratory Technology (TV Production)** - project and skill based course on the fundamentals of journalism and media that utilizes Adobe Photoshop and other graphic based programs. Video editing and principles of marketing are explored and developed.

**Digital Video Production (HS)** - project and skill based course where students are responsible for morning announcements, AKA AMS TV. Students work with professional equipment to learn and execute script writing, storyboarding, graphic design, editing, and other various positions within a newsroom. **Prerequisite is Exploratory Technology.**

**Digital Discoveries (Coding II)** - project and skill based class focusing on building basic coding knowledge, various IT pathways, and initial robotic coding. **Prerequisite is Coding 1 and an FSA Reading level 3 or above.**

**Advanced Information Technology (HS)** - project and skill based course that follows Coding II and further develops knowledge and skills in web design, coding languages, leadership and teamwork. **Prerequisite is Digital Discoveries (Coding II).**

**Cambridge Global Perspectives III** - project and challenged based course that tackles major global issues. It encourages critical thinking, collaboration, research skills, and global citizenship. Year 3 curriculum of a 3 year course progression. **Prerequisite is Cambridge Global Perspectives 2 and an FSA Reading level 3 or above.**

**Journalism 1 (Yearbook II)** - project based course where students get hands on experience in graphic design and photo editing while producing the annual yearbook.



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